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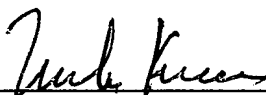
By the above amendment, the specification has been amended so as to update the status of the parent application in the Cross Reference to Related Application. Additionally, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 4 therein, with claim 4 being canceled.

Applicants submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement and consideration of the documents submitted is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants submit that all claims present in this application should be in condition for allowance, and issuance of an action of a favorable nature is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (501.39982CX1) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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